

TO FETCH STATEHOOD

Oklahoma Moves Forward to a Fresh Attempt.

CONVENTION IS CALLED

To Meet at Guthrie on January 25.

El Reno, O. T., Dec. 28.—(Special).—The statehood executive committee selected at the Kingfisher convention met in this city today, all the members present, and as a conclusion of their work formulated a call for another statehood convention to be held in Guthrie, January 25, and provided that it should be a delegate convention, composed of one delegate for each 1,000 of population, as shown by the census of 1898. This will make a convention of 269 members. Delegates are to be elected from the several counties, according to their population, on the 21st day of January. A formal call will shortly be furnished the press by Hon. Sidney Clark, chairman, and Frank H. Gillett, secretary, of the committee. The convention will be non-partisan and it is expected, will treat upon the admission of Oklahoma as a state, with whatever boundaries congress may desire. From the earnestness with which this matter is now entered upon, it is expected this convention will be more deliberative and earnest in its demands for statehood than any that has preceded it.

JOHN NULK HUNGROED

Southern Oklahoma's Wealthiest Farmer Found Murdered.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Dec. 28.—(Special).—To a long list of burglaries and hold-ups has been added a dastardly murder in broad daylight, on a highway within a few miles of this city.

The victim is John Nulk, living ten miles west of here, aged about seventy, and said to be the wealthiest farmer in southern Oklahoma.

About 2 o'clock this afternoon Nulk drove into the city with a load of wheat, which he sold and deposited the check in one of the banks.

Two hours later his team was driven back to the city by two men who had found it on the road and in the bottom of the wagon was the dead body of Nulk, with his skull crushed in, and a bloody blindfold.

Nulk is alleged to have had domestic troubles and it is on this theory that officers are working tonight.

FELT HIMSELF IN THE WAY

No Poor Philip Plowman Ended His Troubles With a Winchester.

El Reno, O. T., Dec. 28.—(Special).—Philip Plowman, single, 21 years old, living for the past year at Union City, with his mother and sister, Mrs. DeMoss, committed suicide yesterday at noon by shooting himself through the head with a Winchester rifle.

Plowman, a little over a year ago, cut down a tree in Missouri, a limb of which struck him on the head, since that time he has not had his right mind. He had been out of work for some time and not being able to find any he took the course he did to get out of the way.

JEFF REED'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

Would Make Old Mr. Episcopus Himself Open His Eyes.

El Reno, O. T., Dec. 28.—(Special).—Jeff Reed, a farmer living east of town, gave a dinner Christmas day to his friends and neighbors that was a "corner." Here is the menu:

Turkey, with oyster dressing and cranberry sauce; new potatoes, planted October 15 and munched; roasting ears from ninety-day corn; new turnips; radishes; lettuce and green peas; dessert; watermelon and muskmelon from the depths of a hay stack, where they had been since last fall.

Judge Tarsney at Kansas City.

El Reno, O. T., Dec. 28.—(Special).—Judge Tarsney and Mrs. John C. Tarsney left Sunday morning for Kansas City, where they are spending the holidays. The judge is booked to return on or about January 1 to attend a meeting of the supreme court at Guthrie, after which he will return to El Reno and re-convene the district court for a few days before the regular session, January 25.

Louisville Foot Race Closed.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 28.—For the first time in the history of the city the foot race today was closed, permanently closed. For some time the race track has been waded upon the pool room interests. The proprietors came into the

Oliver Wendell Holmes Says That If a Man Truly Loved a Woman He Would Not Marry Her Unless He Was Absolutely Sure of Her.

There are certain faults of character which are found in both sexes and which are the result of the distribution of the sexual organs. A man would have to be very conceited indeed to remain a bachelor.

This is going a little bit to extremes, but in sober fact, no man should marry a woman so long as he is the victim of ill-health. No man should marry a woman so long as he is the victim of ill-health. No man should marry a woman so long as he is the victim of ill-health.

PETITIONS IN BANKRUPTCY

Acter Seabrooke Turns in Assets of "One Heart Flin."

Minneapolis, Wis., Dec. 28.—(Special).—Acter Seabrooke, formerly of Duluth, Minn., but now living in this city, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court today, claiming his debts at \$104,344. The amount of secured claims is placed at \$3,382 and the unsecured at \$100,962.

Gold Shipments from Australia.

Melbourne, Victoria, Dec. 28.—The gold shipments from Australia for the year 1898 amounted to \$12,500,000. The shipments to America increased by \$1,000,000.

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is due not only to the originality and simplicity of the combination, but also to the care and skill with which it is manufactured by scientific processes known to the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. only, and we wish to impress upon all the importance of purchasing the true and original remedy. As the genuine Syrup of Figs is manufactured by the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. only, a knowledge of that fact will assist one in avoiding the worthless imitations manufactured by other parties. The high standing of the CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. with the medical profession, and the satisfaction which the genuine Syrup of Figs has given to millions of families, makes the name of the Company a guaranty of the excellence of its remedy. It is far in advance of all other laxatives, as it acts on the kidneys, liver and bowels without irritating or weakening them, and it does not gripe nor nauseate. In order to get its beneficial effects, please remember the name of the Company—

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criminally this morning and stated that they had determined to close their doors permanently. All indictments have been dismissed.

The Enormous Gold Product of 1898.

This will be the greatest gold year in history. From South Africa, the Klondike and Australia, the precious metal is being shipped in large quantities. It is believed that this year's output will be nearly double that of any previous twelve months. The sales of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters are also increasing very fast, and this year that famous remedy will cure more people of dyspepsia, indigestion, constipation, nervousness and weakness than ever before.

WHAT A CENSUS SHOULD BE

American Economic Association Considers the Problem.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 28.—The report of the committee on the scope and method of the twelfth census occupied the attention of the American Economic association at its first session of the day. The committee consisted of Professor Richmond Mayo-Smith, Walter F. Willcox, Hon. Carroll D. Wright, Prof. Roland P. Falkner and Davis R. Dewey. The report embodied a large number of extracts from memoranda submitted to the committee in response to questions sent out to leading economists. The papers were on specific topics and contain a large amount of valuable suggestions and information as to advanced statistical methods. In its own report the committee says of the suggestions offered:

"The work of the census is seriously impeded by the number of the investigations ordered and their variety, and consequently fundamental inquiries cannot receive adequate attention. A number of subsidiary inquiries might advantageously be transferred to established bureaus or departments which are equipped with expert agencies and of which now doubt several volumes of kindred statements."

The report points out defects or weaknesses in method, as follows:

"First—The lack of comparability in the data from census to census. Occupations are grouped under different heads, making it impossible to track growth or decline in certain branches of industry.

"Second—The lack of co-ordination. The inquiries should be more closely associated in method of presentation with one another, so that more of the facts available in one might be available in others, as, for instance, the number of persons employed, the capital invested, the wages paid, etc."

"Third—A fault of method. Certain investigations relating to matters of greatest interest fail to give results because the basic of inquiry is at fault. In this class belong all attempts to secure the annual rate for crime, births and deaths by direct enumeration at a given time without recourse to registration or other continuous records.

"Questions which cannot be answered, such as degree of intermittence of white and negro blood.

"(4) The tabulations are in some cases omitted, or are defective, or are over-tabulated.

"(5) There are certain faults of classification which are found in both schedules and tabulations, as, statistics of occupation, especially distribution of laborers not specified, statistics of taxation of wealth, municipal receipts, etc."

A spirited discussion followed upon the report of the committee, many distinguished economists and publicists taking part.

Discussion was also had more particularly on the question, "Is it possible to get statistics of capital and industry?" led by the Hon. S. N. D. North, Hon. Horace Wadlin and Prof. H. C. Adams, and on "What may and should the statistics of municipal finances be made to show?" led by Professors H. R. Gardner and L. S. Brown and Dr. Malley.

Subsequently the convention listened to papers on American economic history, dealing with aspects of the United States treasury situation in the years 1891 to 1897, and price movements in the Confederate states during the civil war.

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